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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my displeasure with the terms of the settlement as proposed.

Whereas the provisions of the settlement provide some measure of value to citizens, I feel the core problem has not been addressed. Microsoft's practices continue unabated. In fact, it seems they will now have legal cover to continue many of the most egregious ones.

Even ignoring the preventative intent of the original lawsuit, the penalty aspect for past excesses seems merely a token - in many ways it seems Microsoft will be in an even stronger position by extending its reach into academia while supplying outdated hardware at minimal cost to itself.

An informative line-by-line dissection of the settlement can be found at the following link:
<http://www.os2hq.com/archives/arch46.htm>. Even if only half accurate, the points raised should be addressed.

--Alex Klafter, a concerned citizen